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Seth,

Everything Pribbenow said I can confirm. I too questioned the Vietnamese chem corps officer and later a Lao major. However, I felt that Meselson only added a red herring to the whole process with his bee feces.

The "positive" samples were all from one Khmer Rouge autopsy without a history of exposure to "yellow rain or any other attack. I reworked and re-interviewed most all of the most creditable "eyewitnesses" to "yellow rain" including Amos Townsend's and Hamilton-Merritt's cases and no one actually ever saw "yellow rain." Stories were started by someone and then spiraled 11110 fact. It didn't help that Voice of America was broadcasting the details to the refugees who were then repeating those facts back to us.

Kit Green (previously of the poisoned umbrella fame) was the person who got honored and then went to GM. Sharon Watson was the fresh out of graduate school who proposed mycotoxin since her PhD was on that subject and her prof got paid \$1000 per sample to analysis samples for such.

Once mycotoxin was being considered samples (including the Khmer autopsy) were split into thirds - Aberdeen, Porton Down, and her prof. All US and British samples were negative. Her professor was letting grad students to the extraction in the same space they were doing natural product extraction of mycotoxins, Thus, in my view, this whole affair was due to cross contamination and an over anxious Haig. Everybody else joined the bandwagon or divorced themselves from the proceedings.

NOBODY would say the emperor had no clothes until the scientific team was sent. Mike Sauri as the first physician took the heat when he came back and briefed the "believers". He left the Army medical corps soon

after and has been in private practice north of Rockville ever since. You can tell Matt that I and Don Stader (our State Depart member) have no problems telling our stories as long as the truth gets told and the info is not used for political bashing. I think Mike Sauri will express his feelings. Steve Waugh (2nd chem officer) is retired in Texas near Don but still has some connections with the powers to be. Ron LaGrone (3rd chem officer) is retired but as a SF officer I doubt he will open up. Dave Lambert (1st chem officer) was worthless in the field and also a "yes-man" bureaucrat.

Steve